

**PATENT APPLICATION**  
**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**



In re application of

Docket No: Q68523

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Appln. No.: 10/088,176

Group Art Unit: 1742

Confirmation No.: 8866

Examiner: Deborah Yee

Filed: March 15, 2002

For: METHOD FOR MAKING CARBON STEEL BANDS, IN PARTICULAR PACKAGING  
STEEL BANDS, AND RESULTING BANDS

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action dated October 16, 2003.  
A Petition for a one month extension of time is being concurrently filed, making a response due  
on or before February 17, 2004 (February 16, 2004 being a holiday). Please amend the above-  
identified application as follows:

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**EXCESS CLAIM FEE PAYMENT LETTER**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

An Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 is attached hereto for concurrent filing in the above-identified application. The resulting excess claim fee has been calculated as shown below:

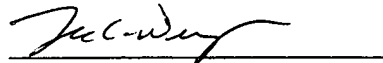
	After Amendment		Highest No. Previously Paid For					
All Claims	32	-	20	=	12	X	\$18.00	= \$216.00
Independent	2	-	3	=	0	X	\$86.00	= \$000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>								<b>= \$216.00</b>

**A check for the statutory fee of \$216.00 is attached.**

U.S. Appln. No. 10/088,176  
Excess Claims Fee Payment Letter

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,



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